

Madam Speaker, last week, The Sustainable Building Industry Council honored the Garden Street Lofts in Hoboken, New Jersey at their 2008 Beyond Green High Performance Buildings Awards. I am proud of the accomplishments of MAST Construction Services and all those involved in the project. I am pleased that their important work has been recognized.

The Garden Street Lofts project, completed last November, successfully converted an 80 year old warehouse into a "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design", or LEED, Silver-certified building with 30 loft-style residences and over 7,000 square feet of retail space. The building is also located within reach of multiple forms of public transportation, further increasing its appeal and environmental benefits.

I commend this sustainable project, and thank the Sustainable Building Industry Council for including it in its Beyond Green Awards Program. MAST Construction continues to provide the 13th District of New Jersey with exceptional facilities, and it is my hope that the Garden Street Lofts will serve as successful example for other developers.